

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An information communication device which supports information exchange and fostering of human relations, comprising:

a radio communication unit which transmits and receives radio communication data;

a metadata storage unit which stores metadata; and

a central control unit which manages the storage of metadata in said metadata storage unit, wherein

said central control unit partitions said metadata storage unit by security level and category, stores metadata received through said radio communication unit in an area matching in terms of security level and/or category, and, in response to an external access request, takes metadata out of a storage area matching in terms of security level and/or category and supplies the metadata.

2. The information communication device according to Claim 1, wherein

said metadata is information in the form of metadata, equivalent to a log stating that the user visits a place and what the place is.

3. The information communication device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a user input unit for the user of the device to write metadata

directly into said metadata storage unit.

4. The information communication device according to Claim 1, wherein

said central control unit sets a higher security level for data transmitted through a relatively secure communication path and a lower security level for other transmitted data.

5. The information communication device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a virtual person growing means which grows a virtual person corresponding to the user based on the user's history information accumulated in said metadata storage unit.

6. The information communication device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a format setting unit which converts the format of metadata taken out of said metadata storage unit as requested by a requesting party.

7. A method for information communication which supports information exchange and fostering of human relations, comprising:

a metadata storing step in which metadata acquired by radio communication is stored in an area matching in terms of security level and/or category in metadata memory; and

a metadata reading step in which, in response to an external

access request, metadata is taken out of a storage area matching in terms of security level and/or category in metadata memory and supplied.

8. The method for information communication according to Claim 7, wherein

said metadata is information in the form of metadata, equivalent to a log stating that the user visits a place and what the place is.

9. The method for information communication according to Claim 7, wherein

in said metadata storing step, data directly written by the user is stored.

10. The method for information communication according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a security level setting step in which a higher security level is set for data transmitted through a relatively secure communication path and a lower security level is set for other transmitted data.

11. The method for information communication according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a virtual person growing step in which a virtual person corresponding to the user is grown based on the user's history information accumulated in said metadata memory.

12. The method for information communication according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a format setting step in which the format of metadata taken out of said metadata memory is converted as requested by a requesting party.

13. An information exchange and human relation fostering support system for supporting information exchange and fostering of human relations on the virtual world, comprising:

a metadata transmitting means which provides user terminals with metadata of respective security level and category here and there in the real world;

a metadata acquiring means which takes metadata matching in terms of security level and category out of user terminals;

a matching means which performs matching among pieces of metadata acquired from two or more user terminals; and

a result of matching presenting means which presents the result of the matching.

14. The information exchange and human relation fostering support system according to Claim 13, wherein

said metadata is information in the form of metadata, equivalent to a log stating that the user visits a place and what the place is.

15. The information exchange and human relation fostering support

system according to Claim 13, wherein

said metadata acquiring means acquires metadata in accordance with the highest security level in those set by the users concerned.

16. An information exchange and human relation fostering supporting method for supporting information exchange and fostering of human relations on the virtual world, comprising:

a metadata transmitting step in which metadata of respective security level and category is provided to user terminals here and there in the real world;

a metadata acquiring step in which metadata matching in terms of security level and category is taken out of user terminals;

a matching step in which matching is performed among pieces of metadata acquired from two or more user terminals; and

a result of matching presenting step in which the result of the matching is presented.

17. The information exchange and human relation fostering support method according to Claim 16, wherein

said metadata is information in the form of metadata, equivalent to a log stating that the user visits a place and what the place is.

18. The information exchange and human relation fostering support method according to Claim 16, wherein

in said metadata acquiring step, metadata is acquired in accordance with the highest security level in those set by the users concerned.

19. A computer program which is written in a computer-readable format so that information communication for supporting information exchange and fostering of human relations is executed on a computer system, the program comprising:

a metadata storing step in which metadata acquired by radio communication is stored in an area matching in terms of security level and/or category in metadata memory; and

a metadata reading step in which, in response to an external access request, metadata is taken out of a storage area matching in terms of security level and/or category in metadata memory and supplied.

20. A computer program which is written in a computer-readable format so that processing for supporting information exchange and fostering of human relations on the virtual world is executed on a computer system, the program comprising:

a metadata transmitting step in which metadata of respective security level and category is provided to user terminals here and there in the real world;

a metadata acquiring step in which metadata matching in terms of security level and category is taken out of user terminals;

a matching step in which matching is performed among pieces

of metadata acquired from two or more user terminals; and
a result of matching presenting step in which the result
of the matching is presented.